

## **James J. Peters Veteran Affairs Medical Center**

### **Dietetic Internship Program**

The James J. Peters Veterans Affairs Medical Center Dietetic Internship Program is coordinated with New York University (NYU) to offer a Master of Science degree in Clinical Nutrition as well as to prepare the intern for registration eligibility for the Registration Exam for Dietitians. All of this is accomplished in a 17-month period, therefore making this coordinated internship one of the fastest routes to becoming an MS, RD! The program is an intense full-time internship offering a variety of supervised practice experiences in areas including clinical, community, food service management, business, and elective options. These experiences well-prepare interns for becoming registered dietitians (RD), as is demonstrated by a very successful first-time passing rate for the RD exam! The VA is one of the largest employers of dietitians in the nation, and a VA internship offers excellent career opportunities, networking potential, and incentives.

The James J Peters Veterans Affairs Medical Center (JJPVAMC) Dietetic Internship accepts seven interns annually. The program offers many benefits to interns. The VA pays our interns a generous stipend of **\$13,745**, and offers housing eligibility at Mt. Sinai Medical School dormitories on Manhattan's Upper East Side, a free shuttle bus to and from the JJPVAMC, and a shared private office for our interns.

The dietetic internship program provides strong clinical training with a focus on medical nutrition therapy. The program faculty includes Registered Dietitians with expertise in clinical nutrition, community nutrition and food service management as well as other professionals who are experts in nutrition, research and health•

During the first fall semester, interns spend four days a week in rotations and one day a week attending classes at NYU. In the Spring, classes can be on Mondays or other evenings, depending on your preference for electives that semester. During the 12 months of the internship, interns are granted full-time equivalency status at NYU for financial aid and health insurance purposes. The remaining five months of the program are spent as full-time graduate students at NYU.

[Your Estimated Expenses for the James J. Peters VA Dietetic Internship Program](#)

#### **Accreditation Information**

Our dietetic internship is fully accredited by the American Dietetic Association's Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education since 1982. Contact hem at [120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite](#)

2000 Chicago, Illinois 60606-6995. You may also call 1 (800) 877-1600 extension 5400 or visit [eatright.org](http://eatright.org) for more information or assistance.

Our medical center is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations.

### **The James J. Peters Medical Center Campus**

The JJPVAMC is a primary, secondary, and tertiary care facility with an extended care rehabilitation facility on campus. We are affiliated with Mt. Sinai School of Medicine. The JJPVAMC has a research building which is the site of continual and notable research in the areas of spinal cord injury, nutrition, and health as well as other areas of medical importance. There is also a medical library and state of the art media rooms for the dietetic intern presentations. A spacious internship study and seminar space offers interns desks and computer access to the online medical charting system and reference library.

### **Financial Aid**

Financial aid is available through NYU to assist with the cost of tuition, housing and other expenses that the stipend does not cover. NYU offers a variety of loan programs and payment plans, as well as departmental scholarships and graduate assistantships. JJPVAMC Interns are eligible for full-time equivalency for these purposes throughout the entire 17-month program. Interns requiring financial aid must file a FAFSA by February 1 to be eligible for loans and scholarships. For information and applications for financial aid, visit the NYU Financial Aid website ([www.nyu.edu/financial.aid/](http://www.nyu.edu/financial.aid/)) or address inquiries to:

Office of Financial Aid  
New York University  
25 West 4th Street, First Floor  
New York, NY 10012-1199

Scholarships are also available from the American Dietetic Association (ADA), state and district dietetic associations, and other organizations. Visit the ADA scholarship website for additional information and applications.

### **Housing Opportunities**

Dietetic interns have the option of living in Mt. Sinai Medical Center's Medical School dormitory on Manhattan's Upper East Side, in NYU dormitories in Greenwich Village, or on their own. The Mt. Sinai dormitory, just 1 block from Central Park, offers a furnished 6-bedroom suite, complete with 3 full bathrooms, living room, and eat-in kitchen. Interns each have their own furnished bedroom, which includes a window, large closet, ceiling fan, and Ethernet access. Amenities

include a 24-hr doorman, laundry facilities, and exercise room. Rent is currently \$532/month plus utilities. Please note Mt. Sinai Medical Center operates a free shuttle bus to and from the JJPVAMC.

NYU also offers a variety of housing options, which range from \$700-\$1100/month for shared studios or suites. To apply for graduate housing through NYU, consult the School of Education Bulletin for current information. The JJPVAMC, NYU, and Mt. Sinai are readily accessible by subway and other means of public transportation. Free parking is available to interns at the JJPVAMC and St Albans VA sites.

All applicants are encouraged to take a tour of the James J. Peters VA Medical Center. Click here for [Upcoming Open House dates](#). For more information, to request an application packet or to make an appointment to tour the facility, please contact:

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